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#### IMPRESSING NEW COMERS

HE FARMER has received from a "new comer" in Bridgeport a letter so direct and simple, so strong and educational, that it is reproduced herewith, for the benefit of other

The writer comes to this city from Springfield, and has observed with amazement, the way in which Bridgeport's affairs are managed, especially with respect to its method of letting

Springfield is a well governed city, in which there resides necessarily, a people with a strong feeling of civic pride.

Coming from such a city the writer of this letter cannot un- following address delivered by W. D. rying from filting a girl and throwing derstand the feelings of a citizenship which, permits such gross Weatherford, a Southerner, before the stones, up to kidnapping. wrongs. It is from the standpoint of seeing ourselves as others Orleans last month. Mr. Weathersee us that this letter is valuable.

The writer, who will be called "New Comer," since he is not seeking publicity for himself, says:-

To the Editor of the Bridgeport Farmer:-

"I am not accustomed to writing to the press, but once in a while I am tempted to do so. I read your paper and I very much enjoy your editorial comment. Since I came to this city about fifteen months ago I have tried hard to understand some of the things I have seen and heard discussed, but I guess I am too dense or stupid, for I am at a loss to know why the citizens of this growing city put

up with the kind of politics that is going on here.

You vote a huge sum of money for a patented pavement that is laid without public bidding, a most destructive thing, for if this policy can be done in pavements it will in time be done n many other things the city needs. The result will be the public will lose confidence and become indifferent. It is a mistaken for a community such as Bridgeport to let such things go on and sooner or later you

will come to realize what a mistake has been made.

I watched workmen removing whole sections of this patented bavement in Connecticut avenue the other day from the window of a factory. One of my fellow employes told me the stuff was only

a factory. One of my fellow employes told me the stuff was only laid three years ago and had all gone to pieces.

You have just bonded your city for a large amount to lay more of this imperfect pavement and long before you have paid for the last of your bonds you will have had to relay this, or some substitute pavement, several times. It is poor policy I think and I am sure that nothing like this could happen in Springfield where I lived for many years, our paper has by far the best editorials of any in the city, but evidently is lacking somewhere as the people don't seem to be aroused by you.

to be aroused by you.

What is the matter with Bridgeport that it allows the politicians to squander the money of the taxpayers in such a shameless way?

Have you no strong independent civic organizations to step in and take hold? They have them in Massachusetts, and I know they accomplish much good. No doubt there are other new comers here who like me feel that something should be done, but we do not like to stick our noses in other people's affairs.

But, honestly Mr. Editor, what will the end be if such kind of

city management is winked at by your people. If I should remain here and become a voter you may depend upon it that I will willingly help to stop such practices to the best of my ability."

There, we think, lies the difference between the writer of this interesting letter, and many citizens of Bridgeport. He has erally supposed that most people who we are to remove the stigma of lynch- from capture, and was later quartera feeling of civic responsibility, and of pride in his duty as a

But the new comers in Bridgeport must not suppose that Bridgeport is entirely corrupt and contented. Its citizens are not all satisfied with this sort of government. They are very much dissatisfied. So much dissatisfied that the present government doubt very seriously if this is a suffi- that the courts will dally with the was given the rank of major-general in exists by a minority vote, through a division of parties which will probably not occur again.

## HOUSING IN BRIDGEPORT

T IS QUITE true, as The Courant suggests, that desirable QUITE true, as The Courant suggests, that desirable would have prevented this crime from were many times that many colored becoming widespread. This is surely girls seduced by low-down white men. get good housing in Bridgeport. This is the penalty of enor-

mous and unexpected growth. It is an evil which is nearing its remedy. Much of the It is an evil which is nearing its remedy. Much of the against white women is often committed out of pure revenge. I have heard must unite in uncovering every crim-additions have been built but even The Remington Arms & Ammunition Company is building hundreds of really delightful workmen's homes.

The Chamber of Commerce, through one of its branches, is arranging for the construction of 500 dwellings to be constructgirl friend. I think there can be no ery scalawag by saying it is a case complaining of overcrowding. The white man is pretty little town of Sing Sing has ed at \$3,000 for single and \$4,000 for double dwellings.

Private building enterprise has hundreds of homes in plan, or under construction. A single concern proposes to erect 500 dwellings of the Philadelphia type, with six rooms and improvements, at a cost of \$3,000 per dwelling.

The condition is bad, but it is being rapidly improved. There is overflow to all the suburbs of Bridgeport. The cottages along origin of this horrible crime, there can the shore front are occupied months ahead of the season.

Families have doubled up. Everybody is taking roomers. have grown up since the war and as All who come here do find some sort of shelter and though at we shall see later, one means of pre- any group undertakes to administer thankless job in the world, and in the some inconvenience, and without the opportunity for selection moved of race hatred and racial in-

Bridgeport has growing pains, but they are not insuffer-

able, thank you!

## THE FREIGHT CLERKS' STRIKE

HE FREIGHT CLERKS have averted a disaster that threatened a further tie-up on the New Haven, by their moderation and good counsel. The clerks have been recently brought to full organized strength anad were in a position to means which men have found adeobtain about all they asked. Their request in its totality was quate and drastic enough to awaken hardened and brutal men. Still othmost reasonable. This branch of the service, through partial or- ers have defended it on the basis that ganization, or lack of it, has not shared proportionately in wage it is the only punishment that will one everlaging fundamental, and eter- of the Kaiser. It has an area of 384,advances of recent years.

It members should receive credit for what must be regardinal classes and thus prevent further nal gospel we must preach is the sainal classes and thus prevent further nal gospel we must preach is the sainal classes and thus prevent further nal gospel we must preach is the sainal classes and thus prevent further nal gospel we must preach is the sainal classes and thus prevent further orimes. Again, it has been defended credness of the person. This means the 322,450 square miles of German ed as a concession to the public welfare. The minds of the organization were at least as much concerned with consequences to punish the criminal and at the same cannot despise any, and there can be square miles embraced in the German time shield from public attention the no justification for race hatred. On the Kamerun, on the West Central coast. to the public, as with the well being of the union. Hence Manager Bardo obtained terms which were otherwise impossible.

#### MANUFACTURERS HEAR LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

Washington, May 17-A report en sociation of Manufacturors in the final ion of its annual convention here today, Officers of national associain their respective trades. Election rge followed.

The annual banquet will be held camp in July, has 2,511. evening with addresses by

#### FIVE REGIMENTS READY FOR PLATTSBURGH CAMP

New York, May 17\_Recruits suffithe general legislative situation as cient to form five regiments of inaffecting the industries of this toun- fantry at war strength have enrelled try was presented to the National As-try was presented to the National As-try as presented to the National As-camp at Plattsburgh, N. Y., it was Enlistments thus

made total 8,485. The first senior encampment be tions of employers defivered brief ad- ginning on June 5 has an enrellment ses on the conditions prevailing of 1,854 and promises to be the small-helf respective trades. Election est of the series. The junior camp, d vice presidents and directors-at- beginning early in July, has 1,919 volunteers while the se

Indications are that the Charles Nagel, formerly secretary of camp to be held in August, will be this stubborn fact.

commerce and labor, on "Federal In- the largest of all as it now has 2,357" "It should be not ration," and by John Hays enlistments. Thus far only 624 vol-and on "Paramount National Is- unteers have enrolled for the final and all men lynched have not been ne- cation of all classes and race prejucamp in September,

# BRIDGEPORT EVENING FARMER SACREDNESS OF PERSON MUST BE RESPECTED IN ORDER TO **PUT AN END TO LYNCHING BEES**

Southerner's Views Are Set try were perpetrated on Indians, later the South.

Racial Antagonism a Considerable Factor in Attacks

Southern Sociological Congress, at New ford's address made such a deep impression that the delegates voted unanimously of give it the widest publicity man who had furnished his criminal in the press and to publish it in pamphlet form.

ent Forces in Negro Problems," said son with fire arms.

Southern States nor to America as a might readily be expected to ers. Fortunately for most other coun-tries, as the Governments have become believe any court in the land could tive justice has been meted out to derers, pure and simple. rot been the case in America, particularly in the South. The return of misdemeanors then they began to whip stable government since 1870 has not white men who committed crimes, Oc-

tim; that is, we may ask what provo-cation do they offer for such measures: white women. Then it was an easy the engineer service. He was engagand these causes may be viewed from step to lynch a negro for murder, and, ed in river and harbor improvements the standpoint of those who do the finally, for smaller offences. From lynching; that is, what reason do they this it was no difficult step to lynch-

"Viewed from the first standpoint, we must ask what are the crimes for which men are lynched; and what motives lead to such or what Why Men Are Lynched? tives lead to such crimes. It is genare lynched are so dealt with because ing from the South.

cient explanation. the war when the slave men were on every side and where white women were often left completely to the care a crusade against the white vultures tation in scientific and military circles.

"Others have said that the crime mit this terrible crime. with the white race.

Viewpoint of the Lynchers. be no doubt that it is greatly increased by the racial antagonisms which

"Viewed from the standpoint of ose who compose the mob, the causes of lynching have been variously stated. Some have thought that lynching was simply a perverted instinct; that it is a survival of the instinct of the chase and has in it an element of bloodand the killing of game. This may the hideous scenes of lynching so hard- enter here.

n favor of lynching may seem to the esthe devil in them to do their worst. inflamed mind, not one of them will Lynching never shields the victim of stand the scrutiny of a sober mind. Lynching Does Not Prevent Crime.

of the wronged person.

It is a well known fact that lynch- light. ing does not prevent crime. Negroes

on desperate white men, then later on Forth at Sociological Con- negroes, and recently on white men and women who have committed such gress in New Orleans--Impart New Light Upon
Much Mooted Problem of Market Mooted Problem of Mark groes, 1,169 were whites, 108 were foreigners and Indians. Forty of the colored and twenty-three of the whites

"It should next be noted that the verwhelming majority of colored ynchings (66 per cent.) are not for Upon White Women-At. criminal assault at all. Of all the coltacks of Low Whites Upon of them were lynched for the one aw-Black Women Outnumber ful crime of assault on white women. Offenses of Blacks, He murder, 10 per cent. for minor offences, 5 per cent. for arson and in the remaining 8 per cent, for unclassified and petty crimes, and, indeed, in some The lynching of a negro boy at Wa- cases for no crimes at all. Of those lynched for minor offences, there were o. Texas recently, makes timely the ninety-one different causes given, va-

Lynching An Innocent Man.

"A most dastardly case of lynching in Green County, North Carolina, has son with a gun for self-protection was arrested and held in custody. He Mr. Weatherford, who is author of had committed no crime, though he 'Negro Life in the South," and "Present Forces in Negro Problems," said son with fire arms. But what father would not do that for his son if he "Lynch law is peculiar neither to the were being pursued by officers who whole, for the practice of lynching has him harshly, if they did not lynch been common in most countries where him the moment caught? But I rethe Government has been weak, or peat, the father had committed no poorly established or where justice crime. He was, however, taken in has been tardily meted out to offendwell established, as legal procedure have convicted him of crime, and the has become prompt, and as compara- white men who shot him were mur-

oriminals, the habit of taking the law! "It seems evidence that the lynch-into hand by the mob has practically ing habit in the South has, in general Unfortunately, this has outline, grown up as follows: First, done a great deal to diminish lynch-ing. crome and was summarily punished. Ga., but although a native of the "The causes of lynching may be After the war, it seemed necessary to Southland he was of New England viewed from the standpoint of the vic- mete out immediate and harsh pun- ancestry. At the age of 20 he gradfind for taking the law into their own ing a white man for an assault on a on the Detroit river, and Fort Mont-bands? a white man for murder, and so the had charge of the enlargement of the

"Six specific things must be done if

they have attacked or assaulted white women. The further supposition is court procedure as will insure prompt to the army, he had charge of the extent most such persons are colored and just punishment of criminals, parpenditure of nearly \$2,000,000,000, and mer.

"Some have supposed that brutal colored men attack white women because of their animal passions, but I apprehension on the part of the people such a sum in war time. In 1864 he cient explanation. There were very case until the lessons taught from recognition of his services. He re-few assaults on white women before prompt administration of justice will tired from active service in 1882 and

of colored drivers, housemen and oth- who prey on colored girls. If there If it were a question of pure an- were fifty white women assaulted by imalism, no amount of fear or loyalty negroes in 1916, I have no doubt there against those negro brutes who com-

of at least one case of a young colored inal and bringing every offender to with the greatly increased accommodaman swearing that he would revenge justice promptly and without evasion. tions at Sing Sing and the three other against white men and women is due every man a due trial and not a few vertising it has received as the home

ing commonwealth when its laws are This is the present situation some kind or another.

in regard to lynching. "Six. We must inculcate a deep respect for personality if we are to remove the cause of lynching. lynched negroes first because ened our hearts as to make us bold to have some justification but to me it does not seem a sufficient explanation. "Others have supposed that it is the whose defence we first practiced this appeal to brute force as the only talized every community where it has been practiced, and has sowed the dragon teeth for a new harvest of crime. Sacredness of the Person.

on the ground that it is the only way that, since the person is sacred, we Southwest Africa and the gree of relief to the male relatives white man.

"Lynching dees not strike terrer to "However plausible, these arguments the heart of any race; it rather arousassault from public notice; it rather Africa began in 1884, but, in spite of throws her into the most lurid lime-

"Lynching does not prevent crime have been known to assault white wo- because it brutalizes all who take part, men, on the way home from a most and arouses bitter resentment in the years greatly extended its sway. The horrible and revelting lynching scene, hearts of the class to whom the victim It is a well established fact that lynch- belongs. Lynching is not lawful punings tend to repeat themselves in cer- ishment of individual crime: it is crim-The hardening effect inal precedure against the stability of to the Teutons that it was not until of one lynching tends definitely to the the State and the safety of the whole after years of warfare, and the as-increase of the most horrible crimes. public. All revengeful dealing is ansistance of a force from Germany,

"Prompt administration of justice, a 'It should be noticed first of all that deeper respect for law, a fundamental his territory on the mainland.

public sentiment, which will make lynching impossible. To the propa-gation of these great issues every law-abiding citizen should give him

Bridgeport Sleuth Pursues Stolen Auto and Catches Up In Catskills.

A report has been received from Detective George Fox at Liberty, N. Y., who, after an exciting automobile chase along the Hudson river and far into the Catskill mountains, has finally located the stolen automobile belonging to Andrew Churchnow, of

11 Warren court. The automobile was stolen Saturday night by Frank Drew, of 644 Warren street and Fred M. Hayes, 907 Broad street, who have confessed to the theft and have aided the police

Fox, accompanied by Detective Hayes, left for New York. Monday, and aided by the police, discovered the place that the car had been sold for \$100 and a promissory note. The new owner had left for Yonkers. pursued and traced the car from Yonkers through Tarrytown, Poughkeepsie, Cobbleskill and finally into the heart of the Catskills where, 15 miles from the nearest habitation they found it stalled and abandoned by the It was, in such condition that it could not be towed by horses and the only means of getting it to Liberty, N. Y., was by a pair of oxen brought from a mountaineer's hut, several miles distant.

Fox has been ordered to ship the automobile back to Connecticut by freight or have it repaired to run and is not expected in Bridgeport before tomorrow when full details of the chase will be available.

#### CENTENARY OF GEN. MEIGS.

Saturday was the centenary of the birth of Gen. Montgomery Cunningham Meigs, the foremost scientific officer in the United States army during the Civil War period. General Meigs From on the Delaware and Mississippi rivers, and constructed Fort Wayne Capitol at Washington and the building of its great dome. In the Civil War he led the expedition which saved Fort Pickens at Pensacola matter-general of the army. oe lost.

'Second, We white men must start Gen. Melgs had an international repu-

## SING SING'S BIRTHDAY.

The New York State Prison at Sing Sing, probably the most famous insti-#826 that the grim and forbidding hostelry for malefactors was opened to its himself on a beautiful young white White men must guarantee safely to state prisons of New York the demand woman, because her brother had done every man who is waiting trial, and for rooms exceeds the supply, and the violence to the young colored man's colored men must cease to defend ev- guests often have excellent reason for crime on the part of colored men criminally guilty of neglecting to give never been especially proud of the adto a spirit of getting even. Not get-ting even with any particular individ-ual, but just an indefinite getting even with criminal assault.

colored men are guilty of trying to this world-famous institution, and a few years ago the villagers changed the name of their municipality to Os-"Five. We must inspire new respect sining. It was at Sing Sing that the for law in the hearts of our younger electric chair was first used as a means Whatever the explanation of the a direct blow at stable government, tury ago, and since then more than a Every case of lynching is of execution about a quarter of a cen-No nation can continue as a law-abid- hundred men have passed into "the room with the little door" and thence constantly defied by those who claim out of life. The administration of to be the defenders of justice. When Sing Sing Prison is perhaps the most justice unlawfully it soon results that ninety years of the prison's history the lawless element of that group gets there, has been scarcely a warden of into control and we have a reign of Sing Sing who has escaped charges of Thomas Mott Osborne, who attempted many humanitarian reforms at Sing Sing, has shar ed the fate of his predecessors. Above We the door of the warden's office at we Sing Sing might well be written. thought we respected womanhood, but "Abandon your reputation, all ye who

## GERMAN EAST AFRICA.

German East Africa, where the

army of General Smuts, the former Boer leader, is now engaged in driving the Teutons from stronghold in the Dark Continent, is the largest of the Colonial possessions one against whom the crime has been peril of losing all my respect for German East Africa is of great stratcommitted. Some have even been rights, privileges, and law, I as a white egic importance to the British, since it defend lynching on the man, dare not hate a negro, and, what presents a barrier to the construction ground that it is the only form of is just as much to the point, the negro, of the Cape-to-Cairo "all red" railway, If Great Britain gains and keeps this colony, the famous African railway project may be completed without fear of interference. German colonization of German East natural advantages, the Germans have made but little progress. The German East Africa Co. was launch-ed in 1885, and in the succeeding country on the coast was ceded to the company by the Sultan of Zanzibar, but the natives were so hostile Zanzibar having been paid \$952,000 for sproes. The first lynchings in this equndices; these will bring about a new the German occupation, the most ser-

## Fairchild's Annual May Sale of Holmes & Edwards Silverware "Made in Bridgeport"

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Sugar Spoons	.99	each		.58 each In lined box
5 O'clock Spoons	\$3.00	Set	of.	
Orange Spoons	\$3.50	Set .	100	\$2.10 six in lined box
Bouillon Spoons	\$5.20	Set		\$3.12 six in lined-box
Berry Spoons	\$2.33	Each	OI	\$1.40 Each
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ious having been in 1905. This rethe treatment of the natives, and German East Africa was comparatively quiet until the outbreak of the

Band Gives Up Traveling You will find your size in the and Settle Down in East Side Tenement.

New England industry is changing kind either-every one is new. the century old customs of foreign races. This fact became patent today when board of health inspectors were summoned to a tenement at Men's Coats ....\$4.50 to \$6.50 Pembroke and Willard streets where the owner asked that 10 tenants b evicted.

Investigation disclosed that the house was tenanted by a band of Belgian gypsies, who had for the first time in their career abandoned the nomadic life for that of the tenement Also it was found that the men had

adopted the sartorial art of the Beau

Brummel, being attired in modish clothing, while the women retain their gaudy colored garments as a means of livelihood in the fortune telling art. As no infraction of the health department rules have been violated the eviction process is a civil matter. gypsies declare that increased business throughout New England and the replacement of the horse by motor ve

#### JURY SELECTION SLOW IN ORPET MURDER CASE

side unprofitable and increased palm-

Waukegan, Ills., May 17-Selection of a jury in the trial of W. H. Orpet, J., plant University of Wisconsin student, Instead of preventing crime, it posi-instead of preventing crime, it posi-itively increases it, and he who would be a defender of womankind must face or more murders and assaults.

The charged with the murder of Marian colony was taken over by the German government in 1891, the Sultan of proving a difficult task. When court 60 for opened today three tentative jurors Tenn., a delegate to the Methodist The had been selected from the first ve- General Conference at Saratoga, N. nire of 136 summoned and a new Y., dropped dead.

venire had been called. Orpet's attorneys have amounced Samuer Want Ads. One Cont a Word



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hicle has made trading by the road- that their client will testify in his Miss Celeste You'cer. own behalf. istry practice in the cities Many the DeKalb, Ills., schoolteacher to nomadic tribes have stored their wag- whom Orpet said he was engaged, will appear as a state's witness

> Officials of the du Pont Powder Co., at Wilmington, Del., announced that 11 known dead and three missing are by the explosion at the Gibbstown, N.

While making an address defending